



**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
Meeting Minutes**



July 12, 2005 9:45 a.m. – 1:50 p.m.

**California Department of Fish and Game
Los Alamitos, California**

Attendance:

Stephen Ricks	Matt Rezvani	R. Mitchel Beauchamp	Joan Lundstrom	Linda Sheehan
Dr. Mike Ziccardi	Courtney Watts	Ellen Faurot-Daniels	Gary Gregory	Linda Scourtis
Carlton Moore	Lisa Curtis	Bud Leland	Steve Sawyer	Joy Lavin-Jones
Linda Green	Lisa Vandenput			

The July 12, 2005 meeting of the Oil Spill Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) at the California Department of Fish and Game in Los Alamitos, CA was called to order at 9:45 a.m. – Stephen Ricks, Chairperson, presiding.

I. COMMENCEMENT/INTRODUCTIONS **STEPHEN RICKS (CHAIRPERSON)/TAC**

*TAC members, agency representatives, and other participants introduced themselves.
Stephen Ricks turned meeting over to Carlton Moore.*

II. WELCOME/GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS **CARLTON MOORE, OSPR ADMINISTRATOR**

- On-Scene Coordinator's Conference (OSCC): The OSCC is coming next year in late spring, and it was suggested that it become an annual event.
- Pyramid Lake Oil Spill/Donner Pass Spill Update: A report was received by OSPR of a release into the Pyramid Reservoir of approximately 1,000 barrels of crude oil from a transmission line owned and operated by Pacific Energy Partners. OSPR and EPA responded to the spill, which turned out to be a release of approximately 3,000 barrels. The cause was a landslide. Most of the crude was pushed into a cove which allowed OSPR to get a curtain boom around the spill. The normal sorbent boom was grossly inadequate. The Federal On-Scene Coordinator (FOSC) is still on-scene and the good news is "no groundwater was impacted" and "most of the oil was recovered." OSPR estimated costs for this incident to be almost \$2 million.
- Carl announced that the Budget was signed yesterday.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES **STEPHEN RICKS (CHAIRPERSON)/TAC**

Joan Lundstrom moved to approve the minutes and R. Mitchel Beauchamp seconded. Unanimously approved.

IV. AGENCY REPORTS **CCC/BCDC/SLC**

California Coastal Commission:
Daniels

Ellen Faurot-

Written report provided; no verbal briefing needed beyond what was provided in report.

State Lands Commission:

Gary Gregory

Written report provided:

- Marine Oil Terminal Engineering and Maintenance Standard (MOTEMS): MOTEMS has been completed and approved. The Building Standards Commission now anticipates publishing the requirements in July 2005. They will become effective six months after publication.
- Liquefied Natural Gas Terminal Engineering and Maintenance Standard (LNGTEMS): Work has begun on LNGTEMS. The contract has been let and work product is being developed.
- SLCs monitoring and marine oil terminal inspection programs continue. During the last quarter, a monitoring at a marine terminal resulted in several class three violations including failure to maintain a leak free connection, failure to take immediate action to remedy the leak, failure to operate in accordance with the approved Operations Manual, and violations of personnel work hour limitations. As prescribed by regulation, a preliminary enforcement meeting was held. The terminal operator did not contest the violations. At the meeting a settlement was achieved that will result in increased monitoring of the facility, a rewriting and re-approval process of the affected sections of the terminal Operations Manual, retraining of terminal personnel, creating a new system to account for personnel hours of work, and conducting a Safety Assessment of Management Systems (SAMS) at the terminal. The MFD field office and division staffs are working with the terminal operator to ensure the proper completion of the tasks agreed to in the settlement.
- LNG Terminals:
 - * There are a number of projects ongoing.
 - * City of Long Beach is moving forward unless FERC wants to take the lead.
 - * Carl discussed OSPR's role/jurisdiction to workout safety protocol with the U.S. Coast Guard for LNG carriers. Carl asked Steve Sawyer to take action on the following: "are we going to require contingency plans on the basis that an LNG terminal is a Marine facility?"

SF Bay Conservation and Development Commission:

Linda Scourtis

- Harbor Safety Plan Work Group has completed its review and revisions of the plan.
- Ferry Operations Work Group: Linda briefly discussed the near misses and the importance of preventing ferry and kayaking accidents on the Bay. The discussion was then turned over to Joan Lundstrom. This issue has become volatile. The work group met with the U.S. Coast Guard and the public to define protocols regarding communication between different ferry companies. The protocols are needed in the high convergence area; such as, the Ferry Building on the San Francisco waterfront.
- There were no major spills in the Bay.

V. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

JOY LAVIN-JONES

Joy Lavin-Jones discussed bills currently being monitored by OSPR.

- SB 771: OSPR is only tracking this bill. This bill prohibits waste discharges from ocean-going vessels.
- SB 426 and SB 1003: OSPR is only tracking these bills. They establish a process to rank proposals for LNG facilities.
- SB 403: Requires tug escorts for hazardous cargo. This bill has been dropped by the author.

Carlton Moore discussed Federal Legislation sponsored by Senator Stevens.

This bill has a direct impact on California because it purports to recapitalize the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, which is administered by the National Pollution Fund center in Boston, VA. They have asked to reinstate the 5 cents per barrel tax until the fund reaches a \$1 billion level. This would be a one-time requirement, and a sunset was established. Carl is in contact with WSPA and API to see what role they will be taking on this bill. The Governor's office has asked OSPR to look into this bill.

VI. PRESENTATION ON THE VENTURA SPILL

DR. MICHAEL ZICCARDI

Dr. Ziccardi gave a summary of the Ventura Oiled Bird Incident. The OWCN has 25 organizations within the network.

- Activation of the OWCN began on January 12, 2005 in Santa Barbara/Ventura area. The impacts were severe. Field reports were received regarding 100s of oiled grebes rafting off-shore in Ventura/Pt. Mugu area.
- Challenges: Holiday weekend, recent landslides/road closures affected transport, large area impacted, no identified source, heavy beach traffic by the public and a large number of animals collected over very short time period.
- Response was rapid: 750 live bird intakes and 96 dead bird intakes.
- Facilities used: Los Angeles Oiled Bird Care and Education Center, Sea World San Diego, Mobile Veterinary Laboratory, Recovery & Transportation trailer and other participants: California Wildlife Center, Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center of Orange County, and Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network.
- Excellent response of the public and participants activating facilities – 1st large scale in LA. The OWCN was provided with dedication and support from the volunteers.
- Volunteer highlights: Total number of volunteers 487, Manpower 1,191 hrs (volunteers worked from 6am – 12 am).
- Problems: Birds reached prerelease conditioning phase, then began to decline. Birds had numerous medical problems.
- Total Impact to date:

January 12, 2005

- * 1206 live intakes
- * 318 Dead on arrival
- * 233 released

February 19, 2005

- * 59 live intakes
- * 1 dead on arrival
- * 9 released
- * 6 in care

VII. OSPR AUDIT STATUS REPORT

CARLTON MOORE

Carlton gave an overview of the OSPR Audit Status. There are legislative mandates under SB 849 which authorize an increase in the per barrel fee from 4 cents to 5 cents and a fee applied to non-tank vessels.

- DOF Audit: The audit report went to the Governor and Legislature in January 2005. It was a review of the financial basis and programmatic effectiveness of the State's oil spill prevention, preparedness and response program. It analyzed major program expenditures and recommend measures to improve efficiency and to ensure adequate and equitable funding of the State's programs. The audit had a final cost of \$400,000.
- General findings and recommendations: Prior audits (several) identified lack of equipment inventories and need for corrective action, which has not taken place. The audit noted that a lack of standardized data collection prevents analysis of trends and resources. The audit team correctly identified a need to improve the use technology to gather and maintain over 2000 Contingency Plans. The audit recommended the establishment of an OSPR IT steering committee to address information assets, information security, the appointment of a database administrator, the creation of a single database warehouse.

VIII. UPDATE ON SHORELINE PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

JOY LAVIN-JONES

Joy Lavin-Jones reported there are two workshops coming up: July 21 in Port of Long Beach; and July 27 in Sausalito. These workshops will be discussing draft changes to the contingency plan regulations, which include establishing specific shoreline protection requirements.

IX. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Carlton Moore and the subcommittee will create a draft Department of Finance audit report to present to the members for review and comment by the next meeting.
- Carlton suggested the members send a letter to the Governor to ask for an extension on the Report to the Legislature.
- Matt Rezvani and Joan Lundstrom suggested that a “historical overview” be added to the Report.
- Carlton will draft a placeholder letter to the members.

Date and Location of next meetings

. October 25, 2005 – Eureka, CA

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